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THIS WEEK

War? Who Knows?
Strange Hanging
How Old Is Graft?
What Are Life and Death?

Lloyd George says there will be no war "this time," but some in Europe do not agree. Mos-solini wants France and England to join him in an agreement to suppress any outbreak affecting them.

Arthur Brisbane

France is said to have moved troops for defense to the German frontier although it is hard to guess what those troops could do. If Germany declared war it would be months before fighting explosives and poison gas on Paris. No nation at war will sit in trenches for four or five years, now that flying is real.

Britain, going a long way around, wisely, sends a suave statesman, Captain Eden, to Moscow to see Stalin of Russia. The talk, not published, may have been like this:

If England agrees to help you fight Japan, will you help against Germany, in case of need?

A British naval officer cut the throat of a shipmate, In England they hang you for that. When hanging time came, Mrs. Violet Vandervelt, prosperous widow, engaged to the death penalty, hired two planes to fly back and forth above the gallows, trailing banners reading, "Stop the death sentence."

While airplanes flew overhead, trucks drove back and forth before the jail, with loud speakers bellowing "Abide With Me."

The man that "killed his comrade sleeping," or however he did it, did not "abide." He went through the trap.

The British believe in discouraging murder, and prompt punishment seems to do it.

Graft and dishonesty are old, as old as human need and cunning. A papyrus written 1,200 years before Christ tells of three men tried for robbing a royal tomb. Egyptian kings were descended from the gods; their tombs, their tombs was sacrilege, the punishment death.

A dishonest jeweler, putting base metal in a supposedly "pure gold" crown for King Hiero, was exposed by the great Archimedes, who thought out a method in his bath, and started the word "eureka" down through the ages.

Michael Angelo, building St. Peter's at Rome, complained to the pope of the materials furnished by contractors, reminding his holiness that he, Michael Angelo, would make no profit from St. Peter's except "benefit to my soul," and urged the pope to punish the grafters. There is one graft now in this modern, enlightened republic.

What is life? What is death? What are we?

An English gentleman "dies"; doctors pronounce him dead. He returns to life, says he has been in heaven, tells what he saw—did you ever know clothing the same as we wear here. How far, how fast, did his spirit travel while he was "dead"?

What does the soul do while the body is supposedly dead? Does it go away and come back, or just wait around inside the body? What is death? Some say it is only a "belief," and there is no such thing.

In New York's American Museum of Natural History is shown a drawing of the largest land mammal that ever lived, named Baluchitherium. This huge animal, which vanished from earth 25,000,000 years ago, stood 18 feet 9 inches high at the shoulder, was as big as two big elephants, weighed 20,000 pounds or more. It was not as big as a dinosaur, but the dinosaur laid eggs and was no mammal. A food problem might be solved if the "biggest mammal" could be brought back and raised by cattlemen. It ate 500 pounds of food a day; that must be considered. In America it might be necessary to drown the mammal Baluchitherium, with its appetite.

Sir John Simon, returning from an unsatisfactory talk with Hitler, reports "certain divergencies" of opinion. That is going pretty far for a British trained man. There is a bigger fly than that in the ointment: Sir John learns from Hitler that Germany "already has a larger air force than that of Great Britain." Britain thought Germany had only half as many planes. A wise statesman gets his fighting airplanes ready before he starts to fight.

In France three persons "sterilized" at their own request by "a mysterious Austrian doctor" because they did not want to have children have been arrested.

France, striving for more population, believes that "sterilization" can be overdone.

The mysterious Austrian performed 15 operations on men and women before disappearing.

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News Review of Current Events the World Over

Nye's Committee Offers Drastic War-Profit Bill—Austria Decides to Enlarge Its Army—Progress of European Peace Negotiations.

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SENATOR GERALD P. NYE'S munitions committee, which has spent seven months investigating the doings of the manufacturers of arms and armament, reported to the senate its hopes are designed to take the profits out of war and provide for the conscription of industry in the event of another armed conflict involving the United States. The bill is decidedly drastic, giving to the President in war time powers that are prac-

Senator Nye

tically dictatorial, permitting him not only to fix prices but also to license all industry and control raw materials. It also has taxation features that will arouse considerable opposition. It would raise individual income taxes to 6 per cent in wartime, levy surtaxes up to 94 per cent on incomes in excess of $10,000, and seize profits of corporations in excess of 6 per cent return on invested capital.

The Nye bill gives the President very broad powers to fix prices of commodities, to license industry, to embargo profiteering and to prevent the hoarding of goods. It provides for the drafting of industrial leaders, who would be permitted to remain with their companies, subject to military law and given rank and compensation not exceeding that of a brigadier general.

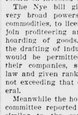
Meanwhile the house military affairs committee reported the McSwain bill, similar to the senate measure but without the tax features. This lack made the more radical members angry but when they tried to amend the bill they were routed, 258 to 71.

The Nye senate committee, after reporting its bill, continued its inquiry. It heard a rather sensational bit of testimony to the effect that Jay Lee Morgan, an insurance company agent who was described as a friend of the President's son James, had sought successfully to obtain two naval building contracts for the Bath Iron Works up in Maine.

FOLLOWING the example set by Hitler, Austria has decided to disregard the limitations on its military strength set by the treaty of St. Germain and to increase its armed forces immediately. The official communique issued by Chancellor Kurt Schuschnigg did not say how big the army would be or whether conscription would be restored. The annual spring parade of the army at the Ringstrasse in Vienna was revived, and the troops appeared in fine new uniforms.

It is believed Hungary and Bulgaria soon will ask permission to increase their armies and re-introduce conscription.

SOVIET Russia is ready to line up with Great Britain, France and Italy in promoting the general European security pact which is based



M. Litvinov

on England's plan for peace. This was brought out by the visit to Moscow of Capt. Anthony Eden, British lord privy seal and his conferences with Dictator Josef Stalin and Maxim Litvinov, Soviet foreign commissar. According to the joint communique given the press, these states-men "were of the opinion that in the present international situation it is more than ever necessary to pursue the endeavor to promote the building up of a system of collective security in Europe as contemplated in the Anglo-French communique of the third of February, and in conformity with the principles of the League of Nations."

It was made clear that Germany and Poland would be welcome to enter the arrangement, but that it would go ahead even without them.

Captain Eden then went on to Warsaw to talk things over with the Poles; and even as he was departing from Moscow the Soviet press launched another fierce attack on Germany. Michael Tukhachevsky, vice commissar for defense, in an article in the newspaper Pravda, declared Germany would have an army of 840,000 by the summer, exceeding the French army by 40 per cent and almost equaling the Soviet army in size.

He charged Hitler with "lulling France to sleep" with anti-Soviet war talk in the hope France would not realize her own peril.

Tukhachevsky's view that Germany contemplates attacking France was supported by an authorized article in the Soviet Journal de Moscow which asserted the leaders of the reich realized "the exceptional risk to which Germany would subject herself by invasion of the tremendous territories of the U. S. S. R.—a country possessing powerful armaments and unlimited opportunities for improving and increasing these armaments."

"It is almost probable," the Journal said, "that under certain circumstances Hitler will prefer other fields of aggression, and an intensified revision of the map of Europe will be started not in the east but in the west."

PREMIER MUSSOLINI is highly skeptical of the success of efforts to persuade Germany to enter into general peace plans for Europe. In his newspaper, Popolo d'Italia, appeared an editorial, probably written by Il Duce himself, warning his fellow countrymen that no miraculous results are to be expected from the conference of foreign ministers in Stresa. It asserted that the western European powers "must stabilize their line of common action against several eventualities which can be foreseen, and they must take definite responsibility."

It then charged that the French and British are impeding Mussolini's wish to take action against Hitler because of their preoccupation about their own internal policy.

Premier Pierre Laval and Foreign Minister Laval of France were reported to have devised a vast, new, flexible plan to organize the peace of the continent within the framework of the League of Nations.

POLAND appears to have decided to play a lone hand in the European embroglio, though she remains friendly to Germany. It is reported that Captain Eden's visit to Warsaw was as disappointing as was that of Sir John Simon to Berlin. The Polish government is determined to sign no pact that would commit the nation to fight for Russia against Germany or for Germany against Russia and France, nor will it permit either German or Russian troops to be transported across Poland. The Polish statesmen say they will sign a series of bilateral pacts, and will go as far as any other nation in parallel disarmament. They assert that they have no alliance with Germany, though their relations are friendly, and sought successfully to obtain two naval building contracts for the Bath Iron Works up in Maine.

WHEN the Illinois legislature, at the behest of Governor Horner and the federal administration, passed a state recovery act the New Dealers hailed this as an example that all states should follow. Now County Judge Homer W. Hull at Bloomington has held that the act is unconstitutional. He also declared the national automobile code inoperative as applied in Illinois.

Under the state recovery act, the judge remarked, an unlawful delegation of the authority of the state legislature has been made to the executive branch wherein violations of the state act can be prosecuted by the state only through the sanction and by the authority of the federal director of codes.

THROUGH the efforts of Donald Richberg, chairman of the NIRB, an agreement was reached by the bituminous coal operators and the United Mine Workers, whereby the prevailing coal code is extended to June 16 and a threatened strike of about half a million miners averted, for, meanwhile, wages and hours of work are continued. President Lewis of the miners insisted the union had not yielded to the operators; but the fact remained that if it had not consented to the agreement Mr. Richberg could and would have extended the code by executive order.

SCORES of agents of the Department of Justice's division of investigation were carrying on a concentrated search for three men now listed as the worst "public enemies" at large, according to Chief J. Edgar Hoover. The three are: Alvin Karpis, twenty-five, a lifer in the notorious Barker-Karpis kidnap and bank robbery gang; Raymond Hamilton, twenty-six, killer who broke jail while awaiting execution, and Thomas H. Robinson, Jr., twenty-eight, kidnaper of Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll, wealthy young society matron of Louisville, Ky.

ONE of America's leading sculptors, Augustus Lukeman, died in New York at the age of sixty-four years. After Lukeman was ousted by the Confederate memorial committee in 1925, Lukeman took over the work of modeling the huge memorial on the face of Stone mountain in Georgia, completing it in 1925. He was chief of sculpture at the World's fair in Chicago.

OBEYING alleged directions from the yacht on which President Roosevelt was fishing in Florida waters, the senate by a close vote refused to accept the restrictions injected in the work relief bill and sent it back to conference to have these removed.

The restrictions objectionable to the administration were those requiring senate confirmation of administrative officers of the program and that in loans and grants to states at least one-third of the money should be expended for the employment of farmers. Agreement, according to Secretary Ickes and Harry Hopkins, will result in the exclusion of rural electrification, slum clearance and similar projects.

Defending the move to send the bill back to conference, Buchanan of Georgia said: "The President is assuming responsibility. All we are doing is to give him a bill that he can work on in shifting from relief to employment."

In replying to Buchanan, Representative Robert Bacon (Rep., N. Y.) contended that the Democratic majorities needed in order to "kick out pet local projects" and afford as much direct relief of unemployment as possible.

"Nonsense was reached a pretty low ebb," declared Minority Leader Snell (Rep., N. Y.), "when it took over two months for a conference report without receiving orders from the Chief Executive."

FOR the second time the United States Supreme court reversed the convictions and death sentences of two of the Scottsboro negroes who were accused of assaulting two girls of easy virtue. The court held that since negroes in Alabama are not permitted to serve on juries, they are denied "equal protection of the laws" in violation of the fourteenth amendment. It declared the state court erred in not quashing the indictments.

This was a big victory for the colored race, but in another decision by the Supreme court the negroes were the losers. The tribunal ruled that the Democratic party in Texas is a voluntary association, not subject to control by the state legislature, and as such may exclude colored persons from voting in its primaries.

DIRECT negotiations with Italy over the border dispute were broken off by the Ethiopian government, which sent a new note to the League of Nations. Special measures were taken to protect foreigners in Addis Ababa. The Italian government did not take the matter too seriously, still hoping a peaceful arrangement might be reached without the intervention of the league.

NINETEEN cardinals met with Pope Pius XI in a secret consistory, and to them he delivered an emphatic denial of rumors of war, which, he said, "would be so enormous a crime, so foolish a manifestation of fury, we believe the Journal de Moscow will, however, there is someone who wishes to commit "this nefarious crime," then, the holy father said, he could do nothing else than pray to God to "destroy those people who desire war."

The consistory approved the canonization of Blessed Thomas More, King Henry VIII's chancellor, and Bishop John Fisher of England, who lost their heads for opposing Henry's marriage to Anne Boleyn.

STANLEY REED, the new solicitor general, obtained from the Supreme court permission to dismiss the government's appeal in the Belcher lumber code case. Therefore there probably will be no decision by the court on the constitutionality of the national industrial recovery act by the chief tribunal before congress takes action on the bill to extend the recovery law.

Says WILL ROGERS

BEVERLY HILLS.—Well all I know is just what I was reading in the newspapers, or what I see either and you. I was a setting around some a week or so ago, and it all at once dawned on me that Mrs Rogers and Mary were coming in from a Mediterranian Cruise of the which I have been the "BOSS" so I hops me a key rattler and away I bles myself to N.Y. to meet em. They beat me to the hotel by an hour, and they have a lot of news to tell me of their trip. They been gone just one month but they have covered a lot of land and water, Gibraltar, ports along the Riviera of France, ports in Italy, then across over into the Holy Lands, Jerusalem, Palestine, Mount of Olives, Nineveh, Bethlehem, and well, maby you have read the book.

They said that Jerusalem was pretty much of a racket. That it took a lot away from the impressiveness of the place. But anyhow it was great, even if a lot of it was evidently faked. I circled the town in a plane one time, but I wasn't over there. In fact I dident think you could land there, but Mama and Mary says they flew out of there to go to Cairo. They must have found an awful big flat rock to take off from.

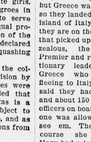
They say Mr Rockefeller has done a lot of fine work there, that he has built a great museum, and a Y.M.C.A. and a lot of things, and that there is a fine hotel there. But the Y.M.C.A. dident turn out so good on account of it having some sort of religious tinge to it, and that there was constantly an argument over it. Can you imagine Our Saviour giving for all of us, yet we have to argue over just whether he dident die for us personally, and not for you. Sometimes you wonder if his lessons of sacrifice and devotion was pretty near lost on a lot of us.

Well just think of being on such hallowed ground. I felt a thrill just flying over and circling it. Then she said they went to the Dead Sea, Galilee, and River Jordan. Then imagine flying across into Egypt, where in Biblical Times they were months and years marching out of. That was my trip too by air, but I was coming all the way from Cairo on the plane I was on.

I only stayed one night in Cairo, and then flew to Athens, Greece, but they were there longer, and Mrs Rogers flew up the Nile to Old King Tuts Tomb. She said that was the greatest trip she had, that the Nile and its very fertile valley, and its surrounding desert was a great sight. Said they told her the King of Egypt owned a great many of the fine farms along the Nile. You remember away back in biblical times it tells of what they raised along the fertile valley of the Nile. She said there was scent much in the Tombs now, that most of the stuff had been removed, and was down in Cairo in the museum. But on account of it being their Xmas, (it was then in March) the museum was closed open. People shouldent be allowed to have a time like that.

She claimed the planes over there are not so hot, in fact the one from Jerusalem to Cairo two days later into her trip went down and killed three. You know some day folks will realize that we have the greatest aviation appetems in the world.

Well to get back to their travel talk, they were to go from Egypt to Greece, but Greece was having their annual fry,



so they landed at an island of Italy's and they are on the boat that picked up Venizealous, the old Premier and revolutionary leader of Greece who was fleeing to Italy. She said they had him cooped up with officers on board. No one was allowed to see em. Then of course she and Mary had a lot of gabbing about Rome, Naples, and Genoa. She says that Mussolini is going to make Genoa the finest port in the World, that they are building a new harbor, and now buildings that will soon be a credit to any city, and that all the Italians are very proud of their great boats, and all that has been done for them in the country since it is in power clean and all looks great.

Its kinder as I heard a very learned American statesman one time say, "Dictatorship is the greatest form of Government providing he does for em, but they every think he does enough. I got to get back over there some day and see whats it all about.

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Animals' Weapons

The giraffe attacks his enemy, when necessary, by clubbing him soundly with his head, which, one might imagine, would hurt the giraffe nearly as much as his enemy. The elephant stamps and crushes his enemies to death with his mighty forefeet. The llama bites and spits and kicks in a primitive sort of fashion.

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SYNOPSIS

Theodore Gatlin adopts a baby, "Peter," in an effort to solve his marital trouble. But his wife has also adopted a baby, and their affairs end in the divorce court. At a baseball game Pat strikes ten-year-old Peter on the nose. Mrs. Gatlin spirits the boy away, and Pat, who has all his money, and is about to marry Nancy Lee, buys a motor launch and sails for Peter. Soon ten years pass and Peter, Stephen Burr, a young paymaster, is presented with a medal by the chief of police, with whom he has a violent quarrel. Peter's personality, for which bur is part, responsible does not think she is a and obtains Burr's testimony Lanny, the doctor's office boy, is won over. Nance's record outweighs Doctor Burr's record of her case and she is sent Quentin penitentiary. Nance, although shot, said, goes to department, from which, by Mc-Nance's orders, she is removed to the farm. Years pass of the men in jail while awaiting execution, and Nance H. Robinson, Jr., twenty-eight, kidnaper of Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll, wealthy young society matron of Louisville, Ky. Lanny, a resourceful fellow, is sent to Quentin. Nance, who is in jail while awaiting execution, and Thomas